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Application Number	10/671,645
Filing Date	September 25, 2003
First Named Inventor	Ervin Goldfain
Art Unit	3737
Examiner Name	John R. Sanders, Jr.
Attorney Docket Number	281-329.02 Con

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Per the appended remarks submitted herewith, I request that the above-identified application be expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this paper.

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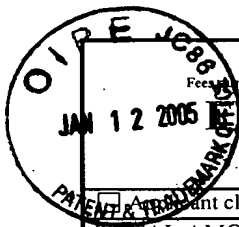
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For FY 2005****Complete if Known**

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
Total Claims		
- 20 or HP =	x	=
HP = highest paid number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20		
Indep. Claims		
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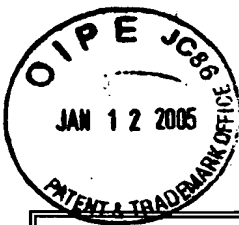
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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT REMARKS

Sir:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks

These remarks accompany the Express Abandonment made via PTO Form Express Abandonment Under 37 CFR §1.138 filed herewith. Applicants expressly abandon the present application. However, the abandonment of the present application should not be taken as an admission of unpatentability as to the claims of the present application. In fact, applicants concurrently herewith have copied select claims of the present application into co-pending parent application No. 09/862,636 filed May 22, 2001.

When the present application was filed, it was expected that parent Application No. 09/862,636 would issue shortly after the filing of the present application. However, delays in the issuance of the parent application (due to additional Information Disclosure Statement filings and an erroneous abandon status designation of the present application) have brought about complexities in the task of prosecuting both the parent and the present applications concurrently. For example, with the present application (No. 10/671,645) continuing to undergo active prosecution prior to the issuance of the parent application (No. 09/862,636), there would be the prospect of continued delays in the issuance of the parent application in order for the applicants to make of record in the parent application developments in the prosecution of the present application (No. 10/671,645). Further, certain claims of the present application have been subject to double patenting rejections vis a vis the parent application (No. 09/862,636).

Accordingly, with the abandonment of the present application and the consolidation of select claims from the present application (No. 10/671,645) into the parent application (No. 09/862,636), applicants hope to simplify prosecution of the claimed subject matter and to eliminate certain double patenting rejections presented by the Examiner in the present application.

While applicants have copied only certain select claims from the present application into the parent application (No. 09/862,636), their non-selection of certain claims should not be taken as an admission of unpatentability as to those unselected claims.

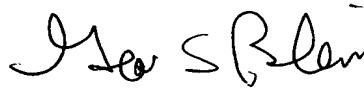
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Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute subject matter of claims cancelled from the parent application and/or not copied from the present application into the parent application in a related application (e.g., another child continuation application of the parent application (No. 09/862,636)).

Respectfully submitted,

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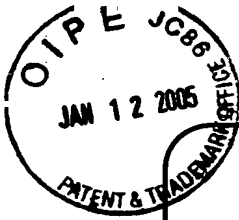
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